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Olympian celebrated with De Grasse Day

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If you find yourself in Markham next Aug. 14, don't be surprised if there's a special sense of pride buzzing around the city.

It is, after all, Andre De Grasse Day.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti has conferred the honour to the 21-year-old Olympian following his Sunday bronze medal performance in the 100-metre sprint.

And, with De Grasse set to run in two more Rio finals on Thursday, Scarpitti isn't ready to stop bestowing gratitudes anytime soon.

"I personally hope he's got an opportunity to win gold and get a couple of more days too," Scarpitti said. "This is about giving him his place in our local history books," he added. "Seeing our hometown boy performing well, it really does instill tremendous pride and enthusiasm throughout our city."

Markham sent five Olympic athletes to Rio, and, so far, De Grasse is the only one who's made it to the podium.

But, it's a city that's proving to have no shortage of Olympic spirit — regardless of who's competing.

Hundreds of people have been turning up to watch at what's been dubbed Olympic Square, an outdoor venue where people can watch their hometown favourites broadcast on a giant screen. An official welcome home celebration is planned for after the Games.

As for De Grasse, it doesn't really matter how he performs from here on out.

"He is a local hero already," Scarpitti said.

Bronze medallist nipping at Bolt's heels

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CRIME

Detectives release video of hit-and-run

Toronto homicide detectives have released video footage of the hit-and-run incident that killed 27-year-old Steven Doyle on Monday — as well as footage of someone apparently wiping down a van's interior and door handle.

What happened before is not on the video and is still unclear.

Detective Steve Henkel told reporters Wednesday that investigators are still looking for a "narrative" and a timeline of events leading up to the moment Doyle was hit, about 5:45 p.m., on George St., just south of Gerrard St E.

"We know there are quite a few people on George St. at that time of day from the review of the video. We would encourage those people to come forward and speak with us," Henkel said.

In the meantime, police released a 27-second clip of the incident in the hopes someone will recognize the man shown. Police have previously stated that the motorist drove onto the sidewalk and deliberately struck Doyle.

Henkel said the video clip was taken from a camera near 285 Shuter St. after the deadly crash. It appears to show a man getting out of a blue van. He takes off his jacket and proceeds to wipe down the van's interior before shutting the door, wiping off the handle and fleeing.

Police said the driver fleeing the scene left a 1,200-foot trail of debris leading from the crash site. The van's front suffered an extensive damage, Henkel said.

Forensics teams are now examining the van — which may have been borrowed or stolen.

"That's something we're looking into, but we don't believe that this was his vehicle," said Henkel, adding that the van had licence plates, but its owner is still unknown.

Detectives have also been looking into the details of media reports about the hit-and-run. Several outlets reported it as a robbery or drug deal gone wrong, but Henkel said police have not confirmed that.

Henkel did say other people were with Doyle in the hours before he died. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A suspect wanted in a fatal hit-and-run Monday evening is seen from surveillance cameras. CONTRIBUTED

COURTS

Former pastor to remain in custody

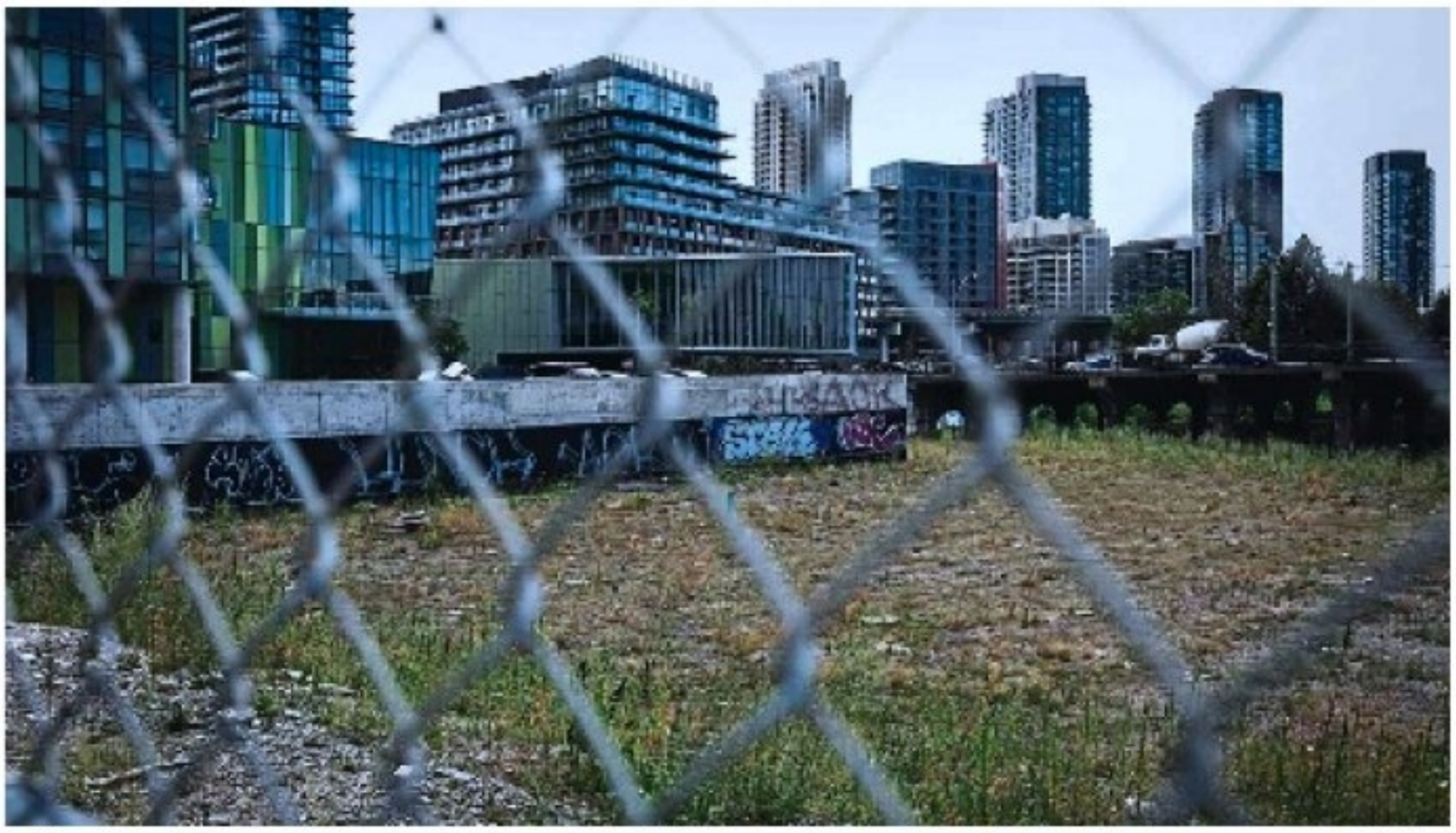
A former evangelical pastor accused of sexually assaulting two congregants — including a child as young as 5 — will remain in custody after he appeared in court Wednesday.

Jose Colindres, 64, is charged with five counts of sexual assault and three counts each of sexual interference and sexual exploitation.

His lawyer declined to comment when approached by the Star.

The details of the allegations Colindres faces are also subject to a publication ban, which is routine for evidence presented during bail hearings.

Colindres is scheduled to appear in an Old City Hall courtroom again Monday at 10 a.m. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Without inclusionary zoning powers, the city has had to find other ways to get affordable housing built. In one case, the city is moving ahead in partnership with Dominus Capital Corporation to build 80 affordable rental units on surplus city land in City-Place next to the rail corridor. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City pushes back on housing rules change

HOUSING

Proposal forces choice between amenities and affordable units

The city has put the province on notice that proposed legislation to build affordable housing will leave communities without desperately needed amenities such as community centres, park improvements and child care spaces.

While Toronto city council has long pushed for provincial rules that would force developers to create affordable units, a proposal from the province to do just that would exempt developers from paying for other community benefits. Councillors and city staff say the province is asking them to make an impossible choice — build badly needed affordable housing or secure every day amenities that make communities livable and are increasingly necessary as the population balloons.

The city submitted its official response this week to the province's proposed legislation, first announced in May, for what's known as "inclusionary zoning." The city's housing advocate Councillor Ana Bailao said they've written to "strongly oppose" the province's plans.

"By creating affordable housing, you're not getting rid of those pressures," Bailao said. "Those pressures are still there and having affordable housing competing for what we think are just as important city-building initiatives, I don't think it benefits anybody."

When a developer applies to the city to construct buildings taller or denser than zoning rules allow, the city can negotiate Section 37 benefits — named for the part of the provincial Planning Act that governs them — to compensate the community.

Inclusionary zoning, meanwhile, is meant to create homes for those with moderate to low income — a middle ground between a booming housing market that is pricing many out of downtown and midtown neighbourhoods and public housing where most live below the poverty line.

The province's proposed regulation would allow cities to decide how and where to apply inclusionary zoning rules as part of their official plans. The province has not yet specified whether it will regulate the minimum size of a building that would trigger inclusionary zoning or the minimum number of units that must be affordable. Importantly, developers would not be able to appeal those affordable housing requirements at the provincial land appeals body, the Ontario Municipal Board.

> **All Torontonians deserve access to a safe and clean home regardless of their income.**
>
> Coun. Josh Matlow

But the province has been clear that the cities shouldn't be allowed to impose Section 37 or "density bonusing" on top of affordable housing. Mark Cripps, spokesperson for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing said, if passed, the regulations could include some circumstances that would allow cities to require developers to provide both affordable housing units and Section 37 benefits. But the province has not outlined how that might work and how rare an exception that might be.

In May, when the plan was announced, Cripps told the Star that "it is important to explore how Section 37 and inclusionary zoning might work together while still ensuring profitable development projects."

Councillor Josh Matlow, whose Ward 22 (St. Paul's) includes the increasingly dense Yonge-Eglinton area, said, "It's time for developers to pay their fair share to support the new residents that they are profiting from."

"It makes no sense to make it an either/or proposition," he said of the waiver of Section 37 benefits. "All Torontonians deserve access to a safe and clean home regardless of their income. Our growing population also needs child care, parks libraries, recreation and other services to build livable communities."

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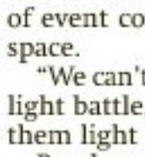
Definitely not a lightsaber

LEGAL BATTLE

Lucasfilm a Force to be reckoned with for organizers



May Warren
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They may look like lightsabers. Some may even sound like lightsabers. But, whatever you do, don't call them lightsabers.

They're "glow swords" — at least as far as one event organizer is concerned.

It's the slight adjustment that's been made to an epic showdown planned for Oct. 8 in Nathan Phillips Square after organizers settled out of court with lawyers representing Star Wars' Lucasfilm.

Originally called a lightsaber battle, the name was tweaked after lawyers sent organizers a cease-and-desist letter earlier this year.

"We can't mention the names of any characters, we can't use any Lucasfilm properties in any of our promotions," said Kevin Bracken, co-founder of event company Newmindspace.

"We can't even use the word light battle, and we can't call them light swords, either."

Bracken said that's beyond what the law would normally require, but he and company cofounder Lori Kufner were "caught red handed" infringing on Lucasfilm's trademark on the Jedi weapon.

The pair organizes free public events, from bubble battles to pillow fights, in cities across North America. They'd been staging lightsaber battles since 2006, in Toronto and the U.S.

Lucasfilm did not immediately respond to request for comment on Wednesday.

The event formerly known as the lightsaber battle drew about a thousand people last time around to play at Nathan Phillips Square, organizers say. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"All the stress, all the anxiety, all the sleepless nights, I'm really glad it's over," Bracken said of his legal troubles.

The point of the battles is to "be a playful part of the urban playground movement" and draw more attention to the need for public space in cities.

"People just love holding a glow sword, they love playing with it, and it really gets to this innate play desire that people have," he said.

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Bill Whatcott is, once again, in court. He's the subject of a lawsuit in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, for his activities at this year's Toronto Pride parade. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Lawsuit targets anti-gay activist who crashed Pride

COURTS

$104M class action claims hate speech, defamation

Gilbert Ngabo
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A Superior Court of Justice judge will on Thursday start hearing the case against an anti-gay activist who sneaked into the ranks of this year's Pride parade in Toronto.

Lawyer Douglas Elliott has launched a class-action lawsuit valued at $104 million against the self-described "gay zombies," a group led by infamous anti-LGBTQ campaigner Bill Whatcott.

"He's probably the most notorious homophobe in Canada, and the notion that he would be at the Toronto Pride parade is revolting to me," said Elliott, who filed the lawsuit last week.

Elliott said he learned about the incident through media reports where Whatcott was "bragging" about how he lied to get through the parade vetting process. Posing as the "Gay Zombies Cannabis Consumers Association," his group members were seen distributing anti-gay flyers along the parade route.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of former MPP George Smitherman and local LGBTQ activist Christopher Hudspeth, who both marched in the parade and agreed to act as plaintiffs.

The basis of their claim is that Whatcott and his group used deceit and falsehoods to get into the parade illegally. The other argument is that the literature distributed to the crowd at the parade constitutes hate speech, which is a criminal offense.

There's also a defamation claim, where the plaintiffs allege the group called the prime minister, the premier and other people identified as Liberals in the parade "a bunch of child molesters."

"There are certain things you can never say about someone unless they're true," said Elliott.

Whatcott's actions have landed him in legal trouble before. He lost a similar case in the Supreme Court in 2013, but crashed the Vancouver Pride parade the next year, under the disguise of a Calgary church.

"He clearly has no respect for the law, no respect for Canadians and no respect for the LGBT community," said Elliott.

KEY PLAYERS

- **Defendant:** Bill Whatcott is a longtime pro-life and anti-gay activist with a history of crashing Pride parades and distributing flyers containing homophobic messages.
- **Plaintiffs:** George Smitherman is a former Ontario MPP and health minister, a gay father and a strong LGBTQ advocate. Christopher Hudspeth is a longtime gay advocate in Toronto and owns the Pegasus Bar in the gay village.
- **Lawyer:** Douglas Elliott is a partner in Cambridge LLP and is well known for the court battles around same-sex marriage. He won a $50-million lawsuit for a group of gay and lesbian Canadians seeking survivor's pensions against the federal government.

CRIME

Woman robbed of prescription drugs worth $10K

Police are warning the public after two men allegedly pushed a 63-year-old woman to the ground and stole hundreds of prescription pills with an estimated street value of $10,000.

Toronto police Const. Jenniferjit Sidhu said the woman filled a prescription at her pharmacy and was approached by the men at around 11 a.m. Tuesday, near the intersection of Forty First Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West in south Etobicoke.

The woman was then pushed to the ground and robbed of her prescription drugs, police say. Sidhu said the woman "suffered minor abrasions to the top of her feet and knees, and has leg and muscle pain and stiffness" after the daylight attack.

The stolen drugs consisted of 600 tablets of the painkiller Oxycodone, 420 tablets of Oxycocet — otherwise known as Percocet, which also treats pain — and 120 tablets of Diazepam.

Sidhu said an investigation is ongoing, but that police spoke to the woman's pharmacist after the robbery. "It seems like, whatever these drugs are, she got them there," Sidhu said.

Toronto pharmacist Chukwu Ume told Torstar News Service that, while unusual, it's not unheard of for someone to pick up so many prescription drugs at once.

"If someone has been on opioids for a while, and a doctor has trust in them for that quantity," then it's not out of the question, Ume said.

A police news release on the incident noted that the stolen drugs can cause addiction, overdose or death — especially if taken by children.

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Toronto Zoo Panda cubs Jia Yueyue and Jia Panpan at 10 months old. The zoo launched an online live-stream of the cubs' enclosure on Wednesday. COURTESY TORONTO ZOO

Zoo's panda cubs ready for close-up

BEAR-WATCH

Officials hope live-stream will engage people in conservation

Ever sat back and thought, "Man, my life would be perfect except for the fact that I can't watch pandas live for nine and a half hours a day?"

Worry no longer. The Toronto Zoo has launched an online live-stream of everyone's favourite bamboo-munching, nap-happy, Justin-Trudeau-cuddling bears.

Anyone with an Internet connection can peek into the lives of Er Shun and her two 10-month-old cubs, Jia Panpan and Jia Yueyue, as they play, eat and (mostly) sleep in the indoor portion of their enclosure.

"We thought it was a great way to engage people and just to share awareness (of animal conservation) around the world," Toronto Zoo marketing manager Kimberly Haider said.

The camera, donated to the zoo when Er Shun arrived in Toronto from China in 2013, was originally installed so zoo staff could monitor the animals' well-being and collect behavioural research data.

The zoo teamed up with TELUS earlier this year to set up the live-stream. It's the only live animal cam at the zoo, Haider said, although there was a tiger cam "years ago."

"With the successful births of the first giant panda cubs born in Canada last year, we are grateful to TELUS for providing this opportunity for people to watch these cubs grow during their limited time in Toronto," zoo CEO John Tracogna said in a statement. "We hope this will instill the desire in all viewers to learn more about saving this flagship species."

The pandas are in Canada on a 10-year loan from China. The family will be moving to the Calgary Zoo in 2018.

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DETAILS

The stream is live on the zoo's website from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and is operated by a panda behaviourist who tracks the animals with the camera and zooms in for action shots.

If that's still not enough for viewers, recorded videos are available around the clock.

The hours for the live cam were chosen because they provide the "optimal experience" for viewers, Haider said; the behaviour specialist works until 5 p.m., and the stream runs a little longer so people can watch when they get home from work.

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Oculus listed among at-risk buildings

HERITAGE

Architecture community pushes for preservation

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Heritage advocates are trying to save a space-age piece of Toronto's architectural history.

For decades, the UFO-inspired Oculus Pavilion has greeted people strolling or cycling along the Humber Trail in the city's west end.

Designed in 1959 by architect Alan Crossley, the structure is an example of the architectural trends that swept Toronto in the mid-20th century, bringing us buildings like new City Hall.

In recent years, the Oculus has fallen into disrepair. The washrooms that anchor the structure have been closed and a statue that used to sit beneath it has disappeared.

Concerned about "illicit deals and behaviours" happening behind the secluded building, Ward 5 Coun. Justin Di Ciano announced plans to refurbish the Oculus in July. The washrooms would be demolished, and the bricks used to clad the building's steel posts.

News of the renovation didn't sit well with the city's architecture and heritage community, prompting the architectural conservancy to put the Oculus on its list of "at-risk" buildings in Toronto. An online petition to save the Oculus has received over 600 signatures.

The city responded to the backlash by suspending the renovation and commissioning a heritage study, meaning the Oculus is safe… for now.

Efforts to save the Oculus are underway. COURTESY ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO

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LONG DISTANCE

Heading for Toronto after 4,500km ride

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Metro | Toronto

Dawson Lucier and his friend Trevor Rice had always planned to tour the country on their bikes. They just didn't know when it would happen.

Then, a conference at McMaster University earlier this year presented the perfect opportunity.

"There were some special Olympians and they gave a really moving presentation, and we were very inspired," said Lucier, a student in kinesiology. "It struck a cord with us to realize that people with intellectual disabilities don't always have the chance to play sports and be part of a team."

The duo flew their bikes out west earlier this summer to kick off a 50-day, 4,500-kilometre cycling trek that will end in Toronto on Friday. At various stops along the way, they've been taking the time to rest and speak to communities about the need to help Special Olympians.

Their goal is to raise $10,000 for Motionball, a charity supporting the Special Olympics Canada Foundation. The money could help with renting facilities and preparing Special Olympic for competition.

"We're pretty beat up physically but it's been fun," said Lucier.

McMaster University kinesiology students Dawson Lucier, left, and Trevor Rice are about to complete a country tour on bikes. CONTRIBUTED

PETERBOROUGH

Release late plane thief's name: Experts

Experts are calling on police to release the name of the 21-year-old Markham man who fatally crashed a stolen propeller plane on Peterborough's main drag last Friday.

The single-engine aircraft shattered the early morning silence around 1:20 a.m. when it veered into a traffic-light post and struck asphalt following a likely journey of at least 100 kilometres from Markham Airport, police said.

Police in Peterborough and York Region, who said they notified family Friday, have refused to identify the individual.

Lisa Taylor, a Ryerson School of Journalism professor, said the public "has a right to know, from my perspective," in part because theft is a "crime against society" rather than a private affair.

She said that if the person were still alive, he likely would have been charged with theft, revealing his identity.

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Shannon Hulley and fiancée Nick Facecchia are young professionals but can't afford a wedding in the city. COURTESY KARITAS PHOTOGRAPHY

City wedding dreams dashed for lovebirds

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How rising costs are changing the way we live in Toronto

Expert says ceremonies cost up to 50% less outside T.O.

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

As soon as she got engaged, Shannon Hulley started dreaming of streetcars.

"It's all exciting, you start talking about where you want to get married, where you want to take pictures, and it was all based around the city," the 28-year-old said. "We were going to go to where the TTC parks all the streetcars and take our wedding photos there."

But then she realized how much it was going to cost to get married in Toronto, about $80,000 to $90,000 to be able to include both of their big families and all their friends.

Instead, Hulley and her fiancée have settled on having their September 2017 wedding at a banquet hall in Hamilton — just one of many couples forced to leave the city to take their vows thanks to skyrocketing costs.

Trish and Alex MacKenzie finally found a spot for their June 2016 wedding at The Doctor's House, a banquet hall in Kleinburg, Ont. COURTESY KARMEL KREATIVE

Hulley estimates the move cut her wedding's price tag in half. But it also means starting a new chapter in her life in a place she has no connection to.

"This monumental event in our lives, and we have to do (it) in a different city," said Hulley. "I really had my heart set on getting married in Toronto.."

Lisa Garofalo, a wedding planner at Toronto's Bliss wedding and event planning, said there's no doubt prices for Toronto weddings have been climbing in the past few years.

Social media sites such as Pinterest and Instagram have spurred people to go in search of pricey extras that drive up costs.

Still, Garofalo estimates getting hitched in a place like Hamilton or Woodbridge can be 25 to 50 per cent cheaper than Toronto, where a wedding with a guest list of about 150 people can easily come in at $90,000.

Trish MacKenzie also wanted to get married in the city, but, after a long search, found a spot in Kleinburg, just north of Toronto for her big day this June.

"One of the hard parts about getting married outside of Toronto is that even the people who live here still have to get hotels, so it's a bigger cost to guests as well," the 25-year-old said. "If you want to do the traditional route you just can't, unless you've got bundles of money somewhere."

PLANNING

Ways to save if you want to get married in the city:

- Lisa Garofalo, a wedding planner at Bliss, suggests looking at venues such as restaurants or hotels that already have tables, chairs and decor so you don't have to pay extra.
- She also recommends having a "different style of wedding," doing food stations instead of a seated dinner, for example, to save on details like centrepieces and napkins.
- Garofalo suggests a daytime wedding with a lunch or brunch instead of dinner.

EDUCATION

Man bounces back from rock bottom

Halfway through the robbery, Jesse Thistle panicked. Homeless, strung out on crack, and limping on a badly infected foot, he'd held up a corner store in Brampton.

"I thought they were going to chop my foot off," he said. "I got desperate and robbed a store in order to use the jail system as a safe place to stay with food and shelter and medical care."

But he couldn't go through with it. He ran behind the building, dove into a dumpster, and covered himself in trash. The cops never found him.

On July 16 Thistle — now 40 years old — stood behind that same convenience store thinking back on the time he hit rock bottom. It's been 10 years since he climbed out of that dumpster and started up a mountain.

In June, Thistle was awarded a Governor General's Silver Medal as one of York University's top students. It's just the latest in a long list of accolades he earned since becoming clean.

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York University student Jesse Thistle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dual citizens face new passport regulations

AIR TRAVEL

New policy will come into effect Sept. 30

Canadian citizens with dual citizenships will soon be allowed to fly into the country only if they have a Canadian passport.

The policy will come into effect Sept. 30 as a final phase of Canada's move to an electronic screening system to step up border security and boost exit control of travellers, including Canadians on government benefits.

The upcoming requirement has caught many by surprise calling the practice "discriminatory" against dual citizens and a money grab, and is expected to create havoc as travellers with dual Canadian citizenships may find out only at the last minute when trying to board on a flight.

Ottawa rolled out the electronic travel authorization, or eTA, system last year, requiring air passengers — including all applicants for study and work permits, as well as those from countries that currently do not require a visa to come to Canada — to pay a $7 fee and submit their biographic, passport and other personal information through the immigration department website for prescreening or face being denied entry — with a $7 processing fee. American citizens are exempted.

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According to the 2011 Census, at least 2.9 per cent of Canadians — about 944,700 people — had multiple citizenships; the most frequently reported other citizenships were the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Poland.

Dual citizens will soon be allowed to fly into the country only if they have a Canadian passport. DREAMSTIME/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rumeysa Hanci, wife of Calgary imam Davud Hanci who is imprisoned in Turkey. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Wife wants news of imprisoned imam

Rumeysa Hanci breaks down in tears when she recounts how she spent her 13th wedding anniversary, travelling home to Calgary from Turkey and not knowing when she would see her husband, Davud, again.

She said Turkish authorities have not explained why they have imprisoned the imam, who has Canadian and Turkish Citizenship.

Allegations in Turkish media that he was involved in last month's coup attempt make no sense to Rumeysa.

"My husband is a very gentle and kind man," she said from her family's northwest Calgary houses.

Davud's job involves counselling to prison inmates in Alberta to help them develop a "peaceful understanding of life," Rumeysa said.

The couple and their sons travelled to Turkey last month to see Davud's ailing father in Trabzon, on the coast of the Black Sea. They got word authorities wanted to question Davud. He and his brother went to city hall to talk to police.

Global Affairs spokesman Austin Jean said the Canadian government remains concerned about Davud and another Turkish Canadian, Ilhan Erdem, who was arrested last month at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport. Rumeysa said she's hopeful:

"I have a lot of faith in the Canadian government."

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POLICING

Minister urges talk on access to passwords

Canadians need to think about how far police should be allowed to go in accessing their electronic devices and communications, the federal public safety minister says.

A federal review of cybersecurity will provide a chance to discuss a proposal from Canada's police chiefs for a new law that would compel people to hand over passwords with a judge's consent, Ralph Goodale said Wednesday.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police says the measure is needed to fight criminals in cyberspace who increasingly use tools to hide their identities and communications.

In the United States, there are literally thousands of smartphones and other digital devices "sitting on shelves" because authorities can't get into them, said Terrence Cunningham, a police chief in Massachusetts and president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"And we know that those devices hold the answers to the questions that we need so that we can hold people accountable and prosecute some of these cases," Cunningham said during the Canadian chiefs' annual conference this week.

After a speech Wednesday to the gathering, Goodale acknowledged that smartphones contain a wealth of personal data and can reveal much more about a person than an ordinary physical search might.

Civil libertarians and privacy advocates cried foul when the previous Conservative government introduced legislation that would have allowed police access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number, email address and Internet Protocol address — without a warrant.

OpenMedia, a group that advocates online freedom, says the chiefs' new password proposal is likely unconstitutional.

The federal cybersecurity consultation launched this week runs through mid-October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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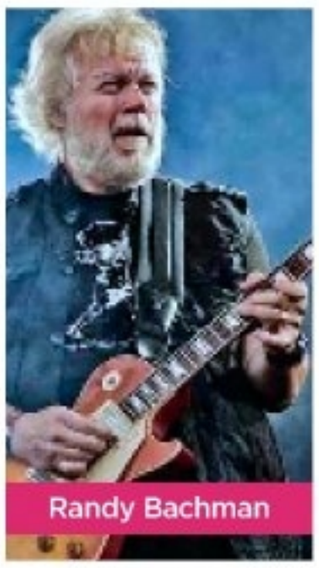
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Parliament pays tribute to late MP

MAURIL BÉLANGER

Veteran Liberal honoured after death by illness

Mauril Bélanger in the House of Commons in December 2015.
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Mauril Bélanger loved Parliament so it seems fitting that it has become something of a shrine to the veteran Liberal MP who died Tuesday after a courageous battle with an incurable neurodegenerative disease.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was among the MPs who signed a book of condolence set up in the rotunda of Centre Block, just a few steps away from the House of Commons over which Bélanger had presided as honorary Speaker just five months ago.

"We will all miss you," Trudeau wrote. "Your passion, your strength, your perspective, your rigour, your dedication and your wisdom.

"Your legacy of service and hard work will continue to inspire us and all who follow in this place but we will nonetheless miss you, and your friendship, most dearly."

Bélanger died Tuesday at age 61, after a 10-month battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He received the devastating diagnosis last November, just weeks after winning re-election in his Ottawa-Vanier riding for the eighth consecutive time since entering federal politics in a 1995 byelection.

"I think his greatest legacy is his commitment to his constituents," said Halifax Liberal MP Geoff Regan, who was elected Speaker after Bélanger was forced to bow out.

"This is a guy who took service to people extremely seriously." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CALGARY

Beyond Pride: Politicians put on the spot

Pride and politics are inseparable, at least when you consider the history of LGBTQ rights.

But over the years, Calgary Pride has been trying to untangle the mess of political leaders marching with more pomp and circumstance in the parade than in legislature.

In 2015, Pride required parade entrants to sign a pledge to underline their participation in festivities as an ally. This year, pride has further refined their application process to ensure politicians are putting their money where their mouths are — or, in this case votes.

> **It has required parties to really think of the things they need to highlight.** Craig Sklenar, Pride Calgary

Applicants highlight their significant LGBTQ votes in a one-page submission and choose between a commercial application, and non-commercial — both at separate price points.

Craig Sklenar, director of government affairs with Pride Calgary said the filtration system hasn't eliminated any parties from participating this year, and they don't do deep dives on an individual's political past either. But it's set up to give the board a more stringent view of an applicant's intentions.

"It's opened up the discussion and it has required parties to really think of the things they need to highlight, which we were excited about," he said, noting this is also the first year all parties will be represented.

"We've seen even the Progressive Conservative party moving towards that direction; it may not be fast enough for some, but they're taking steps in their viewpoints to try and be more inclusive politically."

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Nellie McClung among those whose name could be on buildings. NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Women need recognition

PUBLIC WORKS

Little done to name buildings after historic female figures

The federal government has a list of 29 prominent Canadian women it thinks deserve to have buildings named in their honour, but very little has been done with it.

Status of Women prepared the list of historic female figures more than four years ago for Rona Ambrose, who at that time was the public works minister for the previous Conservative government.

The list includes women's rights activist Nellie McClung, former Supreme Court justice Bertha Wilson, former governor general Jeanne Sauve and novelist Gabrielle Roy.

Nicolas Boucher, a spokesman for Public Services and Procurement Canada, said the government is still thinking about what to do with it.

"This list remains available for possible future use," Boucher wrote in an emailed statement.

One of the names on the list — nurse Jeanne Mance — had already been used for a Health Canada building in Ottawa, but Status of Women included her anyway.

The statement also noted that selecting a name is not as simple as seeing who is available from a preapproved list.

The new Liberal government is expected to unveil its first federal building name on Thursday, but the women are going to have to wait a little longer.

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French towns prohibit wearing of burkinis

RELIGION

Yet Muslim women say the ban is sexist as well as racist

A Tunisian woman in a burkini at a beach near the capital of Tunis. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Male officials are dictating what women can wear on French beaches — and people across a wide swath of French society say that's a good thing.

Decrees issued by several mayors this month ban the burkini swimsuit, which France's secular political class says subjugates women and is incompatible with a country whose motto celebrates equality and freedom.

To many Muslim women, that's pure hypocrisy. They see the burkini bans as sexist, not to mention racist and a reactionary backlash to terrorism fears.

Even though it's only worn by a tiny minority, the burkini — a wetsuit-like garment that covers the torso, limbs and head — has prompted a discussion about Islam and women's bodies. At least five towns have banned them, and others are threatening to follow suit.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls says the swimsuit reflects a worldview based on "the enslavement of women."

"That is not compatible with the values of France," Valls said.

But Rim-Sarah Alouane, a religious freedom expert at the University of Toulouse, says the anti-burkini brigade is relying on outdated ideas about Islam to stigmatize France's No. 2 religion.

"What is more French than sitting on a beach in the sand? We are telling Muslims that no matter what you do … we don't want you here," said Alouane. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec politicians remain cautious

It would be difficult for Quebec to follow the lead of the French cities that have banned burkini swimsuits, the province's international relations minister said.

Christine St-Pierre said the Canadian and Quebec charters of rights and freedoms would make it "very, very difficult to ban" the body-covering swimwear.

While stating she didn't want to immerse herself in another country's debate, she acknowledged the issue is a "delicate" one.

"Do we tell women, 'stay at home, don't leave your home, stay isolated and don't go out?'" she said. "That's the question we have to ask." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NATURE WILDFIRE RAVISHES CALIFORNIA A firefighter prepares to battle a wildfire in the Cajon Pass in San Bernardino county, Calif., on Tuesday. The wildfire that began as a small mid-morning patch of flame next to Interstate 15 in the Cajon Pass had by Wednesday, turned into a ferocious monster that spread across nearly 47 square miles and was raging out of control. The flames advanced despite the efforts of 1,300 firefighters. Authorities could not yet say how many homes are destroyed. THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE WASHINGTON

Explorers find shipwreck in Lake Ontario

The Washington sank during a storm in 1803. ROGER L. PAWLOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The second-oldest confirmed shipwreck in the Great Lakes, an American-built, Canadian-owned sloop that sank in Lake Ontario more than 200 years ago, has been found, a team of underwater explorers said Wednesday.

The three-member western New York-based team said it discovered the shipwreck earlier this summer in deep water off Oswego, in central New York. Images captured by a remotely operated vehicle confirmed it is the Washington, which sank during a storm in 1803, team member Jim Kennard said.

"This one is very special. We don't get too many like this," said Kennard, who along with Roger Pawlowski and Roland "Chip" Stevens has found numerous wrecks in Lake Ontario and other waterways.

The sloop Washington was built on Lake Erie in Pennsylvania in 1798 and was used to transport people and goods between western New York, Pennsylvania and Ontario. It was placed on skids and hauled by oxen teams across the Niagara Isthmus to Lake Ontario in 1802 after being sold to Canadian merchants.

The 53-foot-long ship was carrying at least five people and a cargo of merchandise, including goods from India, when it set sail from Kingston, Ontario, for its homeport of Niagara, Ontario, on Nov. 6, 1803. The vessel was caught in a fierce storm and sank. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIA

Three people killed by glass-coated kite strings

Indian police say three people, including two children, have died after their throats were slashed by glass-coated kite string used in competitions to bring down the kites of rivals.

The deaths occurred in New Delhi on Monday, which was India's Independence Day. The city government banned the sale of glass-coated kite string following the three deaths. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAILED COUP

Turkey set to release 38,000, free up more prison space

Turkey issued a decree Wednesday paving the way for the conditional release of some 38,000 prisoners, the justice minister said — an apparent move to reduce its prison population to make space for thousands of people who have been arrested as part of an investigation into last month's failed coup.

The government decree, issued under Turkey's three-month-long state of emergency that was declared following the coup, allows the release of inmates who have two years or less to serve of their prison terms and makes convicts who have served half of their prison term eligible for parole. Some prisoners are excluded from the measures: people convicted of murder, domestic violence, sexual abuse or terrorism and other crimes against the state.

The measures would not apply for crimes committed after July 1, excluding any people later convicted of involvement in the failed July 15 coup.

Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag said on his Twitter account the measure would lead to the release of some 38,000 people. He insisted it was not a pardon or an amnesty but a conditional release of prisoners.

In separate decree also issued Wednesday, the government dismissed 2,300 more officers from the police force, in addition to another 136 military officers and 196 employees from its information technology authority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Niagara Falls adds zip lines to lure teens

TOURISM

Natural attractions cashing in on popular rides

Niagara Falls is the latest natural wonder to add a zip line, offering honeymooners and everyone else the chance to take an adrenaline-pumping plunge toward churning mist.

The elevated cable rides have evolved from a novel way to explore jungle canopies to almost necessary additions to lure tourists in the 21st century to established destinations. It's a trend that's exposed a rift between those who approach nature like contemplative monks and others who require an extreme, Indiana Jones-style experience.

"We can't make these into museums. We have to keep the general public — the folks that these places have been set aside for — we have to keep them motivated to get out there," argued Tom Benson, co-founder and chief experience officer at WildPlay Element Parks, which built the Niagara Falls zip line.

"How do you take a teenager and get them away from a game console to something that is going to capture their imagination?" he asked.

The booming popularity of commercial zip lines over the past five years — there are at least 200 in the United States — means more people are experiencing nature in a way that would make Thoreau dizzy.

At Niagara Falls, Benson said his four lines angling 2,200 feet along the Canadian side of the gorge were designed to be sensitive to the local environment.

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A tourist zips toward the mist of the Horseshoe Falls, on the Ontario side of Niagara Falls. WILDPLAY LTD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MERIDIAN

Credit union takes on big five banks

Ontario's largest credit union could soon be the biggest financial technology disruptor Canada's Big Five banks face, as it seeks to launch a federally chartered bank that will offer full digital-only financial services across the country.

"I really do think Canadians are hungry for something different," said Meridian CEO Bill Maurin.

Meridian has seized upon new technology that enables it to offer an array of services without opening branches. The bank's lack of physical branches across the country means lower overhead costs and will help it offer the same low-cost structure Meridian offers its credit union members.

"In the past, when distribution was primarily through retail branches trying to compete directly against the large five was more challenging," Maurin said.

Meridian credit union was created in 2005 and has 270,000 members. It won't open any physical bank branches but will continue to operate its 81 credit union outlets in Ontario.

Its new bank plans to offer retail banking services such as personal chequing and savings accounts and loans, including mortgages, when it expects to open in the second half of 2018.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON A DEPARTED PARLIAMENTARIAN

The late Mauril Bélanger earned his place in history as one of a long line of political champions of Ontario's francophone community. It is a role that has long come with the job of representing the Ottawa-Vanier riding.

All Canadians will remember Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger, who passed away Tuesday at 61, for his grace under the cruel duress of ALS. In recent months many will also have come to know of his deathbed wish to make the English version of "O Canada" gender-neutral.

But most of Bélanger's battles were fought on a different language front. He earned his place in Ontario history as one of a long line of political champions of the province's francophone community.

It is a role that has long come with the job of representing Ottawa-Vanier in Parliament and at Queen's Park. Few ridings are more closely associated with the long-standing struggle of Ontario's francophone community to maintain its place on the province's map.

In 1916, it was the site of a memorable standoff between French-language parents and the Ontario government. In protest against regulation 17 — which limited French-language instruction to the first two years of elementary school — the mothers and grandmothers of the students of École Guigues in Ottawa's lower town set up a human chain to protect its classrooms from police interference.

When the authorities showed up, the women famously fought back with hatpins and sewing scissors. Among others, one of Toronto's French-language elementary schools — École Jeanne-Lajoie — is named in honour of a teacher who opened a then-illegal French school after losing her job for teaching francophone students in their mother tongue.

Not all the battles for French-language rights in Ontario go back a century.

LANGUAGE WARRIOR Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signs a book of condolence for Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger, who died Tuesday. Bélanger served as MP for Ottawa-Vanier since 1995. CP

French-language rights in Ontario go back a century.

Liberal MPP Albert Roy who represented Ottawa-Vanier (then known as Ottawa East) at Queen's Park in the 1970s brought in a private member's bill that would have bound the province to offer services in French. The bill failed but a decade later it served as a foundation for Ontario's first French-language services act. Roy also fought for the right of French-speaking defendants to be tried in their language.

It was Bernard Grandmaître, Roy's Liberal successor as MPP, who oversaw the introduction in the late '80s of the act that guarantees provincial services in French in designated areas of the province. Not everyone was happy about it. A number of Ontario municipalities declared themselves English-only, even if the act did not apply to them.

Jean-Robert Gauthier represented Ottawa-Vanier in Parliament for 20 years as of 1974. The Liberal MP fought relentlessly to have French's historic place in Ontario recognized, once even taking up rhetorical arms against prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

Gauthier did not support the 1982 patriation of the Constitution because it did not include the recognition of French as an official language of Ontario, on par with English. But he did have input on the wording of the section of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that deals with minority education rights. Shortly after it came into effect, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that the English-speaking minority in Quebec and its French-speaking counterparts across Canada had the constitutional right, per the new charter, to run their own schools.

Bélanger earned his stripes on the front line of the fight to overturn a 1997 provincial decision to shut down Montfort hospital — Canada's only French-language university teaching hospital west of Quebec. Five years and two pro-Montfort court victories later, Tony Clement, as the then-Ontario health minister, waved the white flag on behalf of the Conservative government.

Today no one questions Montfort's existence. There is a tentative plan afoot to create a French-language university in Ontario. Earlier this year premier Kathleen Wynne offered the province's francophone community an official apology for regulation 17. But Bélanger would not have considered his work done.

He would have liked Ottawa — Canada's capital — to declare itself officially bilingual. Had he not lost his health he would have had a chat with Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould about her contention that a Supreme Court judge can be considered functionally bilingual even if he or she can't hold a conversation in French.

Ottawa-Vanier is no longer home to as tightly knit a francophone community as it was a few decades ago. The proportion of French-speaking voters who call it home has declined. But it remains an iconic riding for the Franco-Ontarian minority. It is also one of the safest Liberal ridings in the country. There will be no lack of contenders to fill the seat. Bélanger would not wish for a faint-hearted successor.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

A broken justice system leaves us judging the judges

It's been a bad week for Terry Semenuk.

The Alberta Judge is presiding over a horrific case of gang rape, where a 17-year-old girl was kidnapped from a bus stop in 2014 and raped repeatedly over eight hours by two brothers, who have pleaded guilty.

But that's his job. What's been especially bad for Semenuk is the way he's handled perhaps the most validating part of the criminal justice system for victims who find a way to come forward, and who win a conviction: the victim impact statement.

In what appears to be an entirely inexplicable move, Semenuk not only denied a request for the young woman's victim impact statement to be read aloud in court by the Crown — he then barred the media from obtaining it.

If Semenuk has good reason for either ruling, he's failed to offer it. A Crown reading the statement might contravene the Criminal Code, and it might conflict with a publication ban on the victim's identity, he's reportedly said.

Neither, according to legal observers, make any sense. Victim impact statements are routinely read by Crown attorneys in Toronto, and the public and media are routinely given access to victims' identities and then expected to follow any publication ban.

Unfortunately for Semenuk, judges of sexual assault trials are under unprecedented scrutiny these days. Thanks to Justice Robin Camp, who in 2014 asked a rape complainant "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?" we know how ignorant our bench can be. Thanks to a two-year, Ghomeshi-fuelled national conversation, we know how flippantly our justice system treats sexual assault. That's not a matter of opinion: Research shows about 0.5 per cent of sexual assaults make it to court. And unfortunately for judges, they often become the faces of the whole sorry, sloppy, ineffective mess. Because so much of what's wrong with the system lies buried in police reports we never see and cases we never hear about, judges are the visible tip of the sickened iceberg.

In the wake of the Stanford rape case, it's hard to believe Semenuk would be unaware of the power and dignity offered to victims when these statements are publicized. Perhaps he also noticed how much attention they can draw to a judge and his decisions.

Or perhaps he's genuinely ignorant of how they are, to use the words of activist Farrah Khan, "one of the few accommodations we offer survivors."

"Why can't we honour that?" she asked. Really, why couldn't Semenuk?

The answer is: We have no idea. And our judges have to do a lot better than that. When they don't, you can bet we'll be watching.

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It's hard to tell who was more starstruck — four-time Rio gold medallist Simone Biles or Zac Efron, who spent the week tweeting about the U.S. gymnast. They met at the Games this week.

MacLennan is 'over the moon'

Rosie MacLennan, who was the flag bearer at this year's Olympic ceremony, defended her gold medal in women's trampoline on Friday. After suffering a concussion last summer, MacLennan took five months off for rehabilitation that included vestibular ocular therapy, working through her eyes to strengthen parts of her brain. She also had to first work on her heart rate by walking and biking before getting back on the trampoline. "The hardest part was being held back from something you absolutely love," the Torontonian tells Metro. DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES

OLYMPICS Q&A

Gold medallist reflects on the momentum of women in Rio

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada

If there was more pressure on Rosie MacLennan going into Rio, it was self-imposed.

"I guess there was some expectation and more attention, but I think the most pressure for any athlete is the internal pressure they put on themselves," the trampolinist tells Metro.

MacLennan, 27, who won Canada's only gold medal in London 2012, proved she was still best in her sport by defending her spot last Friday.

"I'm feeling over the moon," she says, reflecting on her performance. Metro asked MacLennan about Team Canada's podium run so far, sexism in the Olympic coverage, and about her own competitive spirit and training methods.

Which competitors were you keeping your eye on?
I was definitely keeping an eye on the two Chinese girls, Li Dan and He Wenna. They've been incredibly strong over the past decade. And then the girl from Belarus (Tatsiana Piatrenia) who won the first round — she's been incredibly strong as well. So I guess they were my watch list.

Canadian women have been dominating the podium. Have you noticed more confidence in our athletes, or do you think it's the result of more investment?
I don't know necessarily what caused it but I do think there is something to building momentum. So right off the bat when you have top performances, it's really inspiring and motivating for the rest of the team.

So for me, I watched the rugby girls the first three days and they were incredible. They performed a debut Olympic event and I was truly inspired by not only their performance but their attitude; their feelings of gratitude to be here and have the opportunity.

There has been much talk about sexism in the Olympic media coverage. Is this something the athletes are talking about, or that you have experienced?
I think a lot of the athletes competing are really just focused on the task at hand but it has been nice to see some of the athletes, (like) Adam van Koeverden speaking up and really defending…female athletes and the way that we're covered.

One of the things about being at the Olympics is you're actually kind of removed from the coverage. We get live feeds of the sport so a lot of the coverage is about that specifically. We're a little bit sheltered from it at this point, but it might start some discussions back home.

If Penny Oleksiak is picked to be the flag bearer, what advice would you give to her?
To her or to whoever is picked: just really take in that moment and raise the flag high and proud and just enjoy it, embrace it and take it all in.

I think it's an opportunity to be an ambassador for the team and be a spokesperson for the team in a sense; to help generate conversations about things that you're passionate about.

Some coaches have called on corporate Canada to support our athletes. You've had sponsorship success, now working with Tide as well as P&G's Thank You, Mom campaign. What's important to keep in mind when you do a campaign like this?
I think it's important to have a deeper connection. It's more than the face value of a partnership. The reason I was so excited to work with Tide (on Small but Powerful) is because of what they're trying to accomplish and it's connected to something I'm really passionate about. One of my dreams and one of my goals beyond being an athlete is encouraging and facilitating that next generation of athletes — whether it's for high performance goals or an active life, it doesn't really matter. But the Small and Powerful campaign connected with me because they are doing something about it; they are putting money where their mouth is.

What was the hardest part about suffering a concussion last year?
I think the hardest part was being held back from something you absolutely love but I think that was also the benefit of it. Because I was held back, I realized all I wanted to do was get back on the trampoline regardless of what that meant for the Olympic journey.

> I think the women on our team have shown to be incredibly strong and incredibly fierce and it's an opportunity to have that conversation and change the way women are looked at in sports.
> Rosie MacLennan, on sexist Olympic coverage

PREP MUSIC

Those who watched Rosie MacLennan win gold last Friday may have noticed she had her headphones in before her routine. What was she listening to?
"Before my first routine I listened to Citizen Cope, Let the Drummer Kick It, and then before my second routine I often listen to Stronger by Kanye West. The first one is more a pace — it gets me more calm; I love the song. And then Stronger I associate with training and with positive memories in training. It really helps me connect to that level," she says.

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Is this Canada's next grip-lit star?

INTERVIEW

Shari Lapena's new novel thrills to the final page

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Imagine being accused of a crime you didn't commit. Could you defend yourself, or are there secrets in your past that might not look too savoury or be hard to explain to investigating police and probing media?

It's been the premise behind many movies and television shows, and now that horrifying scenario is at the core of Toronto author Shari Lapena's international breakout novel, The Couple Next Door.

The domestic thriller follows Anne and Marco Conti, a seemingly happy and well-off couple with a new baby, Cora.

When their babysitter cancels right before a dinner party at the neighbour's house, Marco convinces Anne, who is suffering from postpartum depression, to leave Cora at home with a baby monitor.

But when Cora is discovered missing from her crib, the new parents find themselves the No. 1 suspects in the crime. The story digs deep into each of their emotions, following their every move throughout the investigation, with a plot that doesn't stop surprising until literally the very last page.

On paper, Lapena doesn't come across as Canada's next big grip-lit star.

She had a lifelong dream of becoming a writer, but went into law as a "practical choice." She then became an English teacher, which suited her career aspirations much better, but 17 years ago after the birth of her child, decided to try out writing full-time.

Lapena wrote two "quiet literary novels," Things Go Flying and Happiness Economics, which was shortlisted for the 2012 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour (she lost to Patrick deWitt's The Sisters Brothers), but deep down had always wanted to write a thriller.

"I didn't think I had it in me," she says, laughing.

"Plotting has never been my strength so I was intimidated with the idea because I know the plotting has to be airtight and perfect and full of twists."

She decided to give it a shot anyway, thinking that if the manuscript didn't work out, she could always shelve the story and never show anyone.

"But the plot came along quite naturally, it was easier than I thought," Lapena says.

It's a good thing Lapena stuck to her idea: The Couple Next Door is a life-changer. The novel has sold in more than 20 international territories, and is already on The Sunday Times' bestseller list since being released in the U.K. in July. Although Lapena's novel has little in common plotwise with other successful domestic thrillers such as Gillian Flynn's Gone Girl and Paula Hawkins' The Girl on the Train, it has found a fan base with readers who enjoy stories where evil lurks behind the walls of nice suburban homes.

When a couple's baby goes missing from her crib, they find themselves the No. 1 suspects in The Couple Next Door.
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"There seems to be a lot of interest in normal settings. I don't know if people can better relate to them or find them so much more darker and twisted," says Lapena. "I love spy thrillers but most people are not spies or criminal lawyers, but they do have families and homes so they can identify with what's going on in their homes."

So now that Lapena has more than proven that she can write page-turners will she continue to write more?

"I love it, I'm going to stick with the thrillers," she says. "It's so fun to do. I think I have a natural bent for it."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

6 REVEALING QUOTES FROM AMY SCHUMER'S BOOK

If you love Schumer, then you'll love The Girl With The Lower Back Tattoo, which extends and deepens our sense of her personality. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

On having had only one one-night stand:
I'm just too pragmatic and lazy for one-night stands. I consider consequences and I don't drink like I did in college

On Hollywood
... it's an industry of people who judge most women almost solely on their appearance, and where every day women feel themselves barrelling toward death and decay while smaller, hotter actresses like Selena keep appearing like Russian nesting dolls

On the demeanour of the Bloomingdale's manager who caught her and her sister shoplifting:
He was radiating smugness like someone who works at the Apple Genius Bar on the day of a product release

Amy Schumer doesn't hold back in her new book.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

On calling Fayetteville, N.C. and Tampa, FL. "horrendous cities"
I'm not scared of writing that and making those people mad, because I know for a fact that no one who lives there has ever read a book

On her lower-back tattoo and getting trashed on social media:
There's nothing anyone can say about me that's more permanent, damaging, or hideous than the statement I have forever tattooed upon myself

On seeing, and not recognizing, photos of herself paddle boarding in the tabloids:
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Hugh Hefner's next-door neighbour buys Playboy Mansion for $100M U.S.

Don Mills comes of age

Argento (main photo) Sonic condos (top left) and Rodeo Drive (bottom right) are some of the developments popping up in the Don Mills neighbourhood, which is known for its great shopping. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

CONDO TRENDS

Meet the area billed as T.O.'s next new condo 'hood

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

The Don Mills neighbourhood started off on paper as Toronto's first post-war, master-planned suburb during the 1950s to '60s.

The design was based on a circular plot of land divided into four equal quadrants. Each quadrant had its own school, a church and a park.

Right from the beginning, Don Mills was conceptualized with a central theme of shopping. Planner Macklin Hancock designed the modernist subdivision around the Don Mills Centre.

Now it's a busy, bustling area that's not only a shoppers' paradise, but also Toronto's next new condo neighbourhood with a flurry of new developments underway. Don Mills Centre has long been replaced by the Shops at Don Mills, Cadillac Fairview's outdoor concept mall with a mix of high-end fashion stores, restaurants, a movie theatre and premium grocery.

Located at Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue, The Shops is a unique concept in residential communities in a retail mall setting.

One of the latest condo developments at The Shops is Rodeo Drive, a 32-storey tower with 425 units, a collaboration by Lanterra and Cadillac Fairview. Designed by Hariri Pontarini Architects, the building is the first of a multi-phase residential condominium with prime retail on the ground floor. The slender tower is clad in glass and precast white panels, and the clean, open-concept suites are designed by Alessandro Munge.

Further down the street at Don Mills and Eglinton, is Lindvest's Sonic condos with its pioneering location near the future Eglinton Crosstown LRT. Joseph Alberga, is the director of sales and marketing for Sonic.

"We find that wherever transit goes, it gives people options." he says.

"To live downtown, to be close to work, your option was a tiny shoebox-style condo. This gives some options, being on a really accessible transit line, but now you can get a two-bedroom more within your price range without sacrificing the space."

With all the planned development around Sonic, Alberga says its a good future-looking investment. "Whether it's investor buyers or end-users early to the game, I think that's the hope that they have, is that we're doing this future development and we're able to bring it to the market now."

One of the early Don Mills projects is Argento by Tridel, completed in 2015. The condo and townhouses designed by Rafael and Bigauskas Architects, are nestled within the Don Ravine system and overlooking the Donalda Golf and Country Club.

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A colourful Canvas

CANVAS CONDOMINIUM

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Overview

This new, contemporary midrise residence aims to complement the existing streetscape. With its articulated brick surfaces and sleek glass exterior, the building will feature terraces and glass balconies.

Location and transit

The neighbourhood boasts a walk score of 97, and is also bicycle-friendly. Transit options include the Bloor-Danforth subway line, several TTC bus routes and the Danforth GO rail station.

Housing amenities

Residents can enjoy the use of the fitness centre and yoga studio. There's a rooftop terrace with fireplace, a barbecue alcove and sundeck, plus a bocce court.

In the area

The location offers a colourful selection of stores, eateries and services along the Danforth. There's a Sobeys, Canadian Tire, and the Shoppers World mall. Best of all, the condo is close to The Beach.

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What: Canvas Condominium
Builder: Marlin Spring Developments
Architect: Graziani and Corazza Architects
Interiors: U31 Inc.
Location: 2301 Danforth Ave. in Danforth Village
Building: An eight-storey midrise with 166 units
Sizes: Up to 961 sq. ft.
Pricing: From the mid-$200,000s
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IOC executive Patrick Hickey was taken to a hospital after police came to his hotel to arrest him as part of a probe into ticket scalping

Confident De Grasse hot on Bolt's heels

RIO2016

Canuck a step behind 200-metre king in semifinals

At the world championships last year, right after the 100-metre men's final, Usain Bolt confessed to a reporter that he didn't have a clue who this bronze-medalling Andre De Grasse kid was.

He knows now.

The kid from Canada has been right on the legendary Jamaican sprinter's heels all week.

Bronze to his gold in the 100 with a personal best on Sunday, in the pressure cooker of the Olympics marquee event.

Second to him by two-hundredths of a second in Wednesday night's 200-metre semifinal — another PB for the 21-year-old from Markham.

And Bolt, appearing to deliberately hold up, slow down, with about 40 metres to go, as if waiting for De Grasse to catch up, both of them grinning at each other in the final few strides, giving the impression of jogging together companionably.

Bolt crossing the finish in 19.78 seconds. De Grasse an eyelash behind him at 19.80 — a Canadian record. The Jamaican throwing his arm around the Canadian. Like, let's do this again some time. Thursday evening, actually.

Andre De Grasse and Usain Bolt run in the men's 200-metre semifinals Wednesday night.
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> **I feel like I can keep up with him better in this race.**
> Andre De Grasse

Pitter-patter and pounding feet.

The cocky Canadian, De Grasse, shows all the blithe self-assuredness of youth. But you have to be cocky to be good. And he's good.

"I think I can have a personal best," he casually observed the other day following the 200-metre heats, where he posted the best qualifying time of the field and best time of his season: 20:09. He had looked right, had looked left — shades of Bolt's head swivel on the fly there. "No one was with me."

Bolt, the two-time and defending Olympic champion in the 200 owns the world record time of 19.19.

Since Beijing in 2008, Bolt has not lost a single major championship at 200. Come Friday, his Jamaican squad will be vying to three-peat Olympic gold. De Grasse is anchoring the Canadian team.

"I came to Rio to win three gold medals, to prove myself again as one of the greats," said Bolt. "Someone said if I did I would be immortal.

"I kind of like that. I'm going to run with that."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 **Final hurdle** — Phylicia George of Markham was second in her semifinal heat (12.77), and was eighth in the final (12.89) of the women's 100-metre hurdles on Wednesday.

2 **Denied bronze** — Canada just missed the podium in Olympic show jumping, losing to Germany in a jumpoff for bronze.

3 **Strong takeoff** — London, Ont.'s Damian Warner got off to a good start in the Olympic decathlon — he was third overall after Wednesday's five events.

4 **Tee'd off** — Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., carded a 1-under-par 70 in the opening-round of the women's golf tournament. Thailand's Ariya Jutanugarn leads at 6 under, while Alena Sharp of Hamilton sits at 1 under.

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SOCCER

Brazil romps way to gold-medal match

Rafael Alcantara, top, and Neymar helped fire up the home crowd Wednesday.
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Maybe Neymar and his teammates can make the Olympics a success for Brazil after all.

Brazil's celebrated men's soccer team rolled to a 6-0 win over Honduras in the semifinals Wednesday to earn a spot in the gold-medal match.

Brazil started the day 16th in the medal standings, with only three golds in the first 11 days.

Empty seats have been prevalent across Rio, but not at Maracana Stadium, where they packed in to watch Neymar and Co. They didn't have to wait long,

SEMIFINALS

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with Neymar scoring 15 seconds into the game. It was the fastest goal in men's Olympic history, and Brazil led 3-0 going into halftime to cruise into the final.

"We don't want to disappoint the fans," Brazil midfielder Renato Augusto said. "They want us to play well and they want us to win the gold."

Neymar added a goal on a penalty kick in stoppage time, and Gabriel Jesus also scored twice for Brazil, which got off to a slow start in the tournament. But the team picked up the pace and will face Germany, which beat Nigeria 2-0 in the other semifinal. Germany's senior team trounced Brazil 7-1 in the semifinals of the World Cup in Rio two years ago.

"Hey Germany, just wait, your turn is coming up!" a fired-up fan base chanted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO Toronto Athletes to watch

WHO: Khamica Bingham
WHAT: Athletics
WHEN: Preliminary rounds for women's 4x100-metre relay start 10:20 a.m. Thursday.

The 22-year-old from Brampton has represented Canada at the Pan Am Games, the world championships and the Commonwealth Games.

WHO: Aaron Brown, Andre De Grasse
WHAT: Athletics
WHEN: Men's 4x100-metre relay competitions start 10:40 a.m. Thursday.

Both Brown and De Grasse competed in the 100-metre and 200-metre sprints. The duo is still looking for ways to dethrone world record holder Usain Bolt.

WHO: Donna Marie Vakalis
WHAT: Modern pentathlon
WHEN: Women's individual competitions start 9 a.m. Thursday.

Vakalis, 36, made her Olympic debut in 2012, where she finished 29th. She finished fourth at last year's Pan Am Games, and won gold at the 2012 Guatemala Open.

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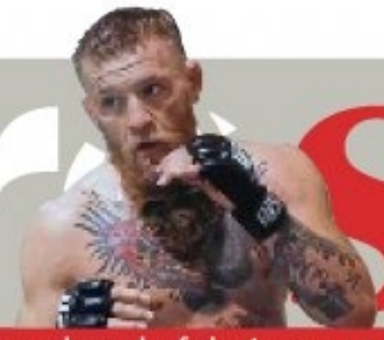


Conor McGregor's news conference with Nate Diaz ahead of their rematch at UFC 202 ended with the two men throwing bottles at each other

RIO2016

Lochte's dad says robbery occurred

The father of American swimmer Ryan Lochte said Wednesday his gold medal-winning son arrived back in the United States before a Brazilian judge ordered that Lochte and U.S. teammate Jimmy Feigen stay in Brazil as authorities investigate their claim they were robbed during the Olympics.

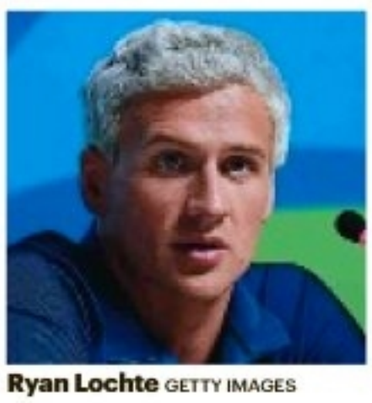
Steve Lochte told The Associated Press by phone from his Florida home that his son called him Tuesday after arriving in the U.S. "I'm just happy he's safe," the elder Lochte said. "I don't know what all the controversy is. They were basically taken out of the taxi and robbed."

Feigen's whereabouts could not be confirmed, though he told the San Antonio Express-News he was still in Brazil. The office of Judge Keyla Blank confirmed the order to seize the passports of Lochte and Feigen in a statement Wednesday.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said police went to the athletes village Wednesday morning to try to collect the passports, but the swim team had already moved out. Lochte and three of his teammates said they were robbed at gunpoint in a taxi as they returned to the athletes village from a party, several hours after the last Olympic swimming events were held.

Police have found little evidence so far to support their accounts, and say the swimmers were unable to provide key details in police interviews.

"Why would anybody fabricate anything?" Steve Lochte said. "It's just ridiculous." A police official with knowledge of the investigation told the AP that police cannot find their taxi driver or witnesses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Yanks can't handle Happ

MLB

Jays hold on to top spot as pitcher extends win streak to 11

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Before this season, J.A. Happ had a career record of 62-61 with a 4.13 ERA. This year, he's putting up Cy Young Award numbers.

Happ won his career-best 11th consecutive decision to become the majors' first 17-game winner in 2016, pitching the Toronto Blue Jays past the New York Yankees 7-4 on Wednesday.

J.A. Happ GETTY IMAGES

"He's just turned into a better pitcher. He's more of a command guy," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "He's got a great feel. He's doing a tremendous job."

Melvin Upton Jr. hit a three-run homer and Darwin Barney had an early two-run double for the first-place Blue Jays, who hold a slim lead over Baltimore and Boston in the AL East. Russell Martin added three hits, including an RBI single off CC Sabathia, as the Blue Jays took two of three in the series, delighting a vocal contingent of Toronto fans at Yankee Stadium.

Happ (17-3) pitched into the eighth inning and extended the longest active winning streak in the majors. He struck out nine, walked one and yielded solo homers to Gary Sanchez, Starlin Castro and Chase Headley. "If you can try to limit them to solos, you give yourself a chance. That's kind of what happened today," Happ said.

Signed as a free agent in the off-season to a $36 million, three-year contract, Happ has won five straight starts. The 33-year-old lefty, who hasn't lost since June 6 at Detroit, is 3-0 in four outings against the Yankees this year.

"He's dominant," teammate Josh Donaldson said. "He's just been doing his thing He's just been great."

Happ hides the ball well and has a sneaky fastball that he moves all around and can elevate to get strikeouts. His big season is a continuation of his success down the stretch last year, when he went 7-2 with a 1.85 ERA in 11 starts after getting traded from Seattle to Pittsburgh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> He's just turned into a better pitcher. He's more of a command guy. He's got a great feel. He's doing a tremendous job.
> Toronto manager John Gibbons on Happ

Jays closer Roberto Osuna and catcher Russell Martin hug after Wednesday's win. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

BAT SPAT

Gibby, Donaldson face off

Heck, it was all over Tom Ford cologne!

"I kind of hit my bat on the dugout there, Gibby leaned over and said, what kind of cologne are you wearing," Josh Donaldson said, referring to a third inning run-in with manager John Gibbons in the Blue Jays dugout that added to Wednesday's the on-field fireworks.

"It was Tom Ford, I got some and was trying it out. He got close enough to get a good whiff. I said back up . . . I'll give you some after the game."

Kidding aside, there was a serious side to the face off between Gibbons and Donaldson, which started after the AL MVP struck out for the second straight time and threw his bat in the dugout. A TV camera caught Gibbons going after Donaldson at the bat rack. The two got into a heated exchange with Troy Tulowitzki and Josh Thole stepping in to separate the two.

"It's no big deal," Gibbons said post game. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EUROPEAN SOCCER ROUNDUP

Gomez signs for Wolfsburg

Wolfsburg says it has signed Germany striker Mario Gomez from Italian side Fiorentina.

The Bundesliga club gave no details of the transfer fee or the contract, but German media reported that Wolfsburg is paying around seven million euros for his services. Gomez, 31, who has scored 29 goals in 68 appearances for Germany, played last season on loan at Turkish side Besiktas but said he didn't want to continue with the side due to the political situation in the country." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mahrez staying with Foxes

Leicester City's Algerian star Riyad Mahrez has penned a new four-year deal with the Premier League champions.

He netted 17 times and added 11 assists last season as well as being voted the Professional Footballers' Association Players' Player of the Year. Such achievements saw the winger strongly linked with a move to Arsenal this summer. Mahrez, 25, follows teammate Jamie Vardy and manager Claudio Ranieri in signing new deals with last season's shock winners. METRO

Barca cruise to Super Cup win

Arda Turan scored twice before Lionel Messi added a third as Barcelona beat Sevilla 3-0 on Wednesday to win the Spanish Super Cup with a 5-0 victory on aggregate.

Midfielder Turan — who struggled to find his stride last season — continued to fill in successfully for Neymar while the Brazil star plays at the Rio Olympics. The Turk scored in the 10th minute before striking from long range two minutes after halftime. Messi headed Barcelona's third in the 55th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER

FIFA seeking bans in match-fixing case

FIFA ethics prosecutors want a six-year ban for a former South Africa Football Association president in a long-running case of fixed friendlies played ahead of the 2010 World Cup by the host nation.

FIFA's ethics committee said Wednesday that investigators also asked for life bans to be imposed on a Zimbabwean official and a coach from Togo for bribery and corruption.

In previous verdicts, four SAFA officials were banned for up to six years for links to fixed 2010 World Cup warm-ups where referees were appointed by Singaporean match-fixer Wilson Raj Perumal.

FIFA prosecutors have now recommended sanctions against three more men in final investigation reports sent to ethics judges. They are: former SAFA president Kirsten Nematandani; Jonathan Musavengana of Zimbabwe; and Bana Tchanile of Togo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Argos' Ray of hope

CFL

Boatmen's offence showing signs of life without top QB

It's taken almost nine weeks, but the offence the Argonauts had envisioned on the field at the start of the season seems like it's on the verge of materializing.

The team took quarterback Ricky Ray off the six-game injured list Wednesday; he sprained his right medial collateral ligament July 25 and was projected to be out for three to six weeks. Ray is going through drop backs and throwing to receivers in practice and Argos head coach Scott Milanovich thinks Ray could play Aug. 31 against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

For now though, with the Edmonton Eskimos visiting Saturday afternoon, backup Logan Kilgore is running the offence and pushing it towards its true potential.

Alex Kilgore is expected to start until the end of August when Ricky Ray should be back from injury.
MIKE CAMPBELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Diontae Spencer

The Argos have been without many of their most dangerous targets this season and are only now getting them back from injury. Diontae Spencer made his season debut this past week in the Argos' loss to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

He and Kilgore provided a few of the only highlights that night, as Spencer pulled in 11 passes for a career-best 146 yards. Almost half of those yards came on a 62-yard TD reception in the first half.

"I didn't expect it," Spencer said of his big game. "Me and Logan, I feel he has confidence in me and I have confidence in him and we were just out there trying to make plays. It just so happened I got targeted a lot."

As the Argos ride the roller coaster that a young backup QB can present — Kilgore was poised and productive in his win against Ottawa three weeks ago and the opposite of that throwing five interceptions last week against Winnipeg — they should feel more at ease this week with the options he'll have downfield.

Vidal Hazelton looks to be coming off the one-game injured list and Kevin Elliot's separated shoulder has healed, likely bringing him in for his debut on Saturday.

"It's going to be big," Spencer said. "Just like I had a great game last week, with everyone out there it's a lot of tough matchups. I feel like we all complement each other and I think getting everyone back is going to be an advantage for our offence."

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NFL IN BRIEF

Dareus contrite after ban

Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Marcell Dareus said Wednesday his four-game NFL suspension is because he missed a drug test.

The top-paid Bill was remorseful after practice.

"It's all action.... I'm going to come back and do the best I can," he said.

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RECIPE Salmon Dinner Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This healthy, yet hearty salad is a meat-and-potatoes dinner, summer style.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 8 small red potatoes, sliced in half
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 1 head of tender lettuce, washed and chopped
- 2 filets of salmon
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lemon, juiced, divided
- salt and pepper
- 1 avocado, pitted and cubed
- 6 or 7 plum tomatoes, sliced in half lengthwise

Directions

1. Boil potatoes until tender. Drain and put aside to cool. Pour frozen corn into a bowl and thaw. Wash, dry and chop the lettuce into ribbons. Turn oven broiler onto 450 degrees.

2. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towel before coating in a light slick of olive oil and half of the lemon juice, and salt and pepper before placing on a rack or cookie sheet. Shake the corn around the salmon. Place on the highest rack of the oven and cook for between 5 and 10 minutes, depending on salmon thickness. Remove from the oven.

3. Lay on bed of the chopped lettuce. Arrange the potatoes, avocado and tomatoes evenly across the lettuce. Break salmon into bite size pieces with your hands. Arrange on the salad. Shake the charred corn over top and serve with your favourite dressing.

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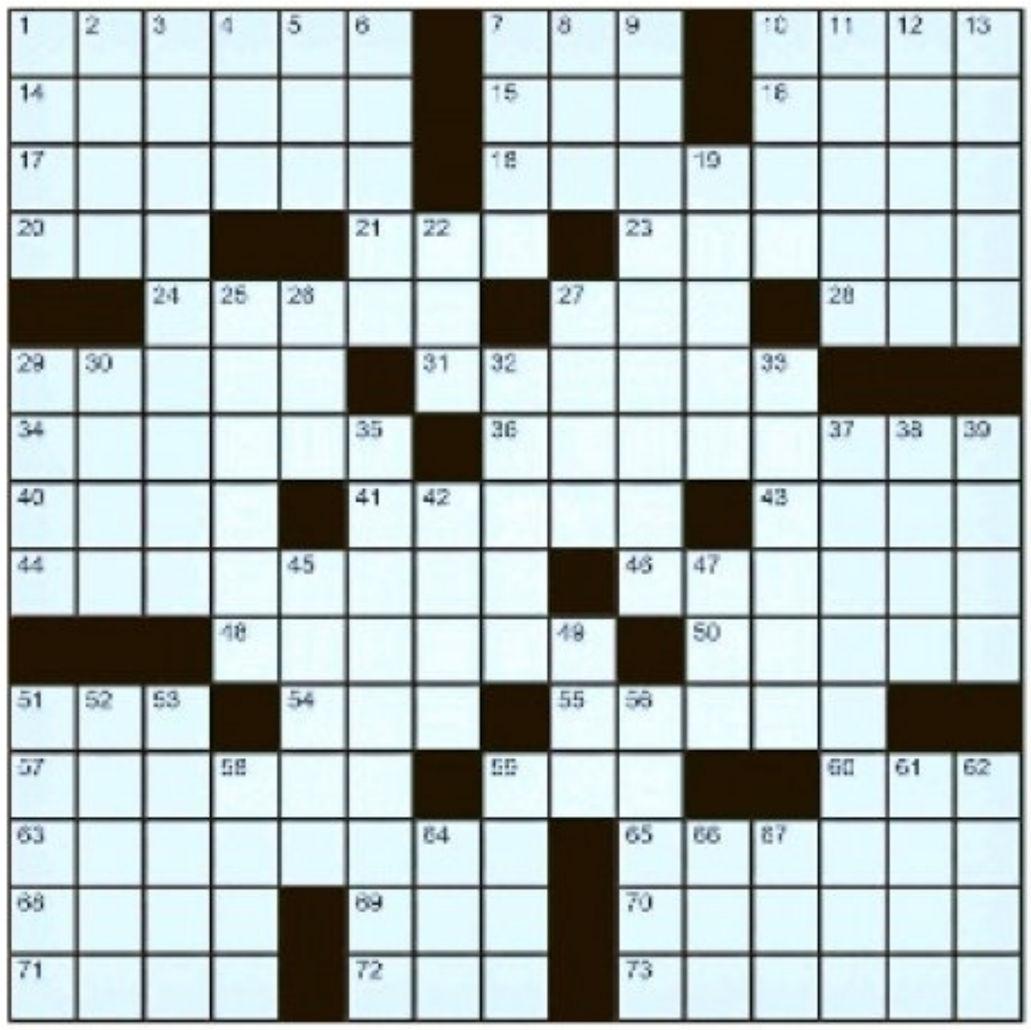

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14. William Randolph __ (Newspaper magnate)
15. Ms. Carrere
16. Hillside dugout shelter
17. "Thanks __ __ much!"
18. RIO 2016: Endurance event
20. 'Peace' suffix (Pacifist)
21. Groove
23. 'The Minister of Everything': Canadian politician/businessman, _._. _
24. Soil crawlers
27. Theological sch.
28. Li'l streets
29. "Canadian Girls" by Dean __
31. "The Blue __" (1946) starring Veronica Lake
34. Direct, as per ancestry
36. RIO 2016: Soccer's Olympic synonym
40. Brit. word/reference works
41. British car, __ Martin
43. Herman Melville story
44. Canadian chocolate-covered raisins brand
46. Yukon neighbour
48. Hive house
50. "Our Father which __ __ heaven..."
51. Baton Rouge sch.
54. Opposite of Jnr.
55. Alphabetic quintet
57. RIO 2016: One of the Olympic rings
59. Luxe lieu
60. Campers, commonly
63. RIO 2016: Closing __ (Sunday, August 21st)
65. RIO 2016: Shuttlecock, as in Badminton
68. RIO 2016: Equestrian's strap
69. Hi-__ graphics
70. Esoteric
71. Gremlins, Pacers, et al. as per cars
72. Point
73. Juicing gadget

DOWN
1. "Two owls and __ / Four larks and..." - Edward Lear
2. __ Strauss & Co.
3. RIO 2016: Olympic sport
4. Not standard, briefly
5. _._._ Enterprise
6. Rainy event
7. Income tax __.
8. Narrow inlet
9. RIO 2016: 1992 Summer Olympics site
10. RIO 2016: Route, as per Cycling
11. Don't like at all
12. RIO 2016: Bunch of spectators
13. Prongs
19. Acknowledge
22. Amer. currency
25. Saskatchewan village
26. Rug kind
27. "Begone bug!"
29. Online journal
30. Canadian rebel Louis
32. Following
33. RIO 2016: On the Sailing boat
35. RIO 2016: #1-Across' answer, or the other parts in the motto: 2 wds.
37. RIO 2016: 1928 Summer Olympics host city
38. Tricky Norse deity
39. __ shark
42. Celestial body
45. Salts sort
47. Lake: French
49. Pitchy dog bark
51. RIO 2016: Sportswear fabric
52. "Now you __ '__, now you don't!"
53. Saint-__ (Municipality in Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula)
56. Elephant in literature
58. Contact __
59. Way [abbr.]
61. Grapes grasper
62. Oracle
64. New
66. Wrath
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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Continue to look for ways to improve your job or to get a better job. Lucky Jupiter, Mercury and Venus all are waiting to help!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Grab every chance to take a vacation, because three planets are urging you to have fun. Sports events, playful activities with children and romance also are blessed.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You continue to benefit from anything related to home and family, including real estate. This is a good time for home repairs and redecorating projects.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Life is fast-paced now because of short trips, increased reading and writing, plus busy errands and conversations with everyone. Just go with the flow!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Continue to look for ways to boost your income, because you can do this now. Mercury, Venus and lucky moneybags Jupiter all are in your House of Earnings!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This continues to be a favourable time for you. Please take note: This is a great week for Virgos to buy wardrobe items.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Although you are working behind the scenes and playing it low-key, your communication with others nevertheless is direct and highly charged! (No one sees you coming.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
People in power — bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs — admire you now. This advantage will stay with you for another week, so make the most of it! Go after what you want!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Grab every opportunity to travel and expand your horizons, because this is what you need to do now. Fortunately, with Mars in your sign, you won't hesitate to go after what you want!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Study, interactions with other countries and cultures, plus opportunities to travel intrigue you now. Settle loose ends with shared property so that you are free to fly!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You need more rest right now. (Respect your need for more sleep.) This will help you in issues where you might be in competition with someone else.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's easy to get better organized now, because people are supportive. They want to help you. Relations with partners are wonderful. Lucky you!

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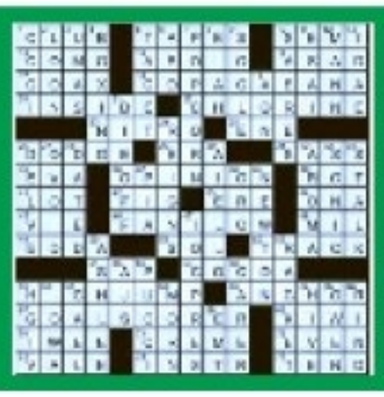

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